

survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) in San Diego, Riverside, Orange, and Imperial counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before December 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Division of Recovery, Planning and Permits, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; Fax: (503) 231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: (503) 231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated November 6, 1998.

Thomas Dwyer,

Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act; Meeting Notice

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will hold a joint meeting to discuss coordination of activities that support Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission coastal fisheries management plans under the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act and the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will convene on December 10, 1998 at 1 p.m. and will adjourn at approximately 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Dr., Arlington, VA. 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Morgan McCosh, Fisheries Program—Division of Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance, USFWS 4401 N. Fairfax Dr., Arlington, VA, 22203. Telephone: (703) 358-1718.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS-USFWS hold semi-annual coordination meetings established under a Memorandum of Understanding to develop and implement a program to support interstate fishery management efforts associated with the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act (Pub. L. 103-206). The main agenda items for this meeting are discussion of the 1997-1998 Workplan; an update on implementation of the Atlantic Coast Cooperative Statistics Program; status of cooperative coastal/citizen tagging efforts; distribution of FY 1999 Atlantic Coastal Act funds; Socio-economic study and other reports; and ASMFC Fishery Management Plan work for 1999.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Morgan McCosh (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 7 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 12, 1998.

Rowan Gould,

Acting-AD-Fisheries, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Plan for the Use and Distribution of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians of the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota Indian Judgment Funds in Docket Nos. 189-A and 189-B Before the United States Court of Federal Claims

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the plan for the use and distribution of judgment funds awarded to the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians in Docket Nos. 189-A and 189-B is effective as of July 28, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daisy West, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Division of Tribal Government Services,

MS-4631-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240. Telephone number: (202) 208-2475.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Act of October 19, 1973, as amended (25 U.S.C. 1401 *et seq.*), requires that a plan be prepared and submitted to Congress for the use and distribution of funds appropriated to pay a judgment of the Indian Claims Commission or Court of Claims to any Indian tribe. Funds were appropriated on September 27, 1997, in satisfaction of the award granted to the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians before the United States Court of Federal Claims in Docket Nos. 189-A and 189-B. The plan for the use and distribution of the funds was submitted to Congress on May 1, 1998, by letters dated April 28, 1998. The receipt of the letters by the Senate and the House of Representatives was recorded in the Congressional Record published on May 5, 1998. The plan became effective on July 28, 1998, since a joint resolution disapproving it was not enacted. The plan reads as follows:

Plan—For the Use and Distribution of Red Lake Band of Chippewa Judgment Funds in Docket 189-A and 189-B in the United States Court of Claims

The funds appropriated on September 27, 1997, in satisfaction of an award granted to the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians of the Red Lake Reservation in Minnesota in Docket 189-A and 189-B before the United States Court of Claims, including all interest and investment income accrued, less attorney fees and litigation expenses (including interest for amounts advanced or borrowed by the Red Lake Band), shall be distributed as herein provided.

A. Per Capita Distribution

Eighty percent of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians share of the funds remaining after expenses in this award shall be distributed in the form of per capita payments (in sums as equal as possible) to all persons who were born on or prior to and living on January 27, 1998, and who are enrolled members of the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians.

The per capita shares of living competent adults shall be paid directly to them, with the exception that the per capita shares of nursing home residents and incarcerated persons shall be paid into Individual Indian Money accounts for withdrawal upon application. The per capita shares of deceased individual beneficiaries shall be determined in accordance with 43 CFR, Subpart D. Per capita shares of legal incompetents and minors shall be handled as provided in

25 U.S.C. 1403(b)(3), except that by Order of the Red Lake Tribal Court, minors' funds may be withdrawn for damages, reparations or restitutions to victims of crime.

B. Programming

Twenty (20) percent of the funds remaining after expenses shall be invested by the Secretary to be used by the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians on a budgetary basis on programs which may include but are not limited to: tribal administration and operations, economic development, community development, tribal education programs and land acquisition.

C. General Provisions

The Secretary, in arranging for per capita payments to be made, shall withhold sufficient shares for individuals whose eligibility may be in question. Those shares shall be held in a separate interest bearing account pending determination of enrollment appeals. Funds not used to pay shares and pro rata interest to successful applicants shall be available for use in the programming aspect of the plan.

None of the funds distributed per capita or made available under this plan for programming shall be subject to Federal or State income taxes, nor shall such funds nor their availability be considered as income or resources nor otherwise utilized as the basis for denying or reducing the financial assistance or other benefits to which such household or member would otherwise be entitled under the Social Security Act, or except for per capita shares in excess of \$2,000 any Federal or federally assisted programs.

This notice is published in exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs under 25 U.S.C. 2 and 9 and 209 DM 8.

Dated: November 6, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Construction of Replacement Education Facilities

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Revised Instructions and Ranking Criteria.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is announcing its intention to

revise the instructions governing the priority ranking process for construction of replacement education facilities and the criteria used in ranking applications. The revised process will not provide for new school starts nor grade level expansions, but will include application ranking criteria for facilities master plans, which can affect application point values and ranking order. The revised procedures will provide more continuity, objectivity and accountability in the priority ranking for construction of replacement education facilities; address the handling of emergency needs; and accommodate federal/tribal financial partnerships for education facilities construction projects. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number: 15.062 "Replacement and Repair of Indian Schools.")

DATES: Comments on the proposed revisions must be received on or before December 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct written comments on the proposed revisions to Dr. Kenneth G. Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Indian Education Programs, 201 Third St., NW, Suite 510, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102.

Copies of the proposed revised instructions and ranking criteria are available upon request from the BIA Office of Indian Education Programs at 1849 C Street NW, MS-3512 MIB, Washington, DC 20240 or at 201 Third St., NW, Suite 510, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102.

The proposed revisions are also available from BIA Area and Education line offices and from the BIA Facilities Management and Construction Center, 201 Third St. NW, Suite 500, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kenneth G. Ross, Special Assistant to the Director, Office of Indian Education Programs, 201 Third St. NW, Suite 510, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102, (505) 766-3850.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Notice is published under authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs in the Departmental Manual at 209 DM 8. 25 U.S.C. 2005(c) directs the BIA to publish, in the **Federal Register**, the system used to determine priorities for school construction projects and to submit a current priority ranking for school construction projects at the time any budget request is presented to Congress. The Conference Report for the FY1992 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriation Act, House Report No. 256, 102d Cong., 1st Sess. 46 (1991), indicated that Congress desired the

Department to continue efforts to revise the priority ranking process for new school construction. The Conference Report stated that emphasis should be given to tribal consultation and to improving the objectivity of the ranking process, to providing continuity to the priority ranking list, and to providing procedures for handling emergency needs. The BIA plans to hold tribal consultation hearings on the proposed revisions. Tribes with schools under their jurisdiction and BIA-funded school boards shall receive advance, written notice of the consultation hearing schedule.

Dated: November 6, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Nevada Temporary Closure of Certain Public Lands Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior.

ACTION: Temporary Closure of Selected Public Lands in Clark County, Nevada, during the Operation of the 1998 BEST in the DESERT TERRIBLE'S TOWN "250" off road desert race.

SUMMARY: The Field Office Manager of the Las Vegas Field Office announces the temporary closure of selected public lands under its administration.

This action is being taken to help ensure public safety, prevent unnecessary environmental degradation during the official permitted running of the 1998 BEST in the DESERT TERRIBLE'S TOWN "250" and to comply with provisions of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Biological Opinion for Speed Based Off-Highway Vehicle Events (1-5-95-F-237).

DATES: From 6:00 a.m. December 4, 1998, through 6:00 p.m. December 6, 1998, Pacific Standard Time.

Closure Area: As described below, an area within T. 12 S. to T. 21 S.R. 46 E. to R. 55 E.

1. The closure is from the California, Nevada border on the west side, Nevada test site boundary on the east. Town of Beatty on the north, Clark County Line on the south.

Exceptions to the closure are: State Route 160; US 95.